Proceeding #96-45 For Kelly Drye & Warren LLP

Dear Sirs,

I believe it is important that Virgin Islands be able to benefit from competitive telephone company services. Currently we are serviced by Innovative Telephone. Their rates are high and their service is terrible. It takes forever to have a phone repaired – only to go out of service again the next day. Connection to high speed internet or DSL (if you are not located in town) is not only unavailable but definitely not fast. My home is only 3 miles from town – one mile from Global Crossing fiber optic under sea cable station and I can't get DSL – even in town if I could afford it the cost is in excess of \$100 per month. Puerto Rico less than 100 miles away offers DSL for less than \$40.00 per month.

We need competition please.

Sincerely: Anthony J. Ayer